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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

THROUGH: Deputy Director (Support) H.G.W.

SUBJECT: H.R. 9911, A Bill to Provide for the Procurement by the Government of Insurance Against Risk to Civilian Personnel of Liability for Personal Injury or Death, or for Property Damage, Arising from the Operation of Motor Vehicles in the Performance of Official Government Duties, and for Other Purposes

1. The subject measure provides for the Government-wide administration of a liability insurance plan by the Postmaster General with respect to personnel of the Post Office Department and by the Administrator of General Services with respect to personnel of the other departments and independent establishments of the Government. If in the opinion of the above named officials, it should appear that the assumption of liability risk for any employee or groups of employees by the Government would be less than the cost of the insurance such personnel could be excluded from the provisions of the measure, and direct payment or reimbursement could be effected in settling an individual case.

2. The following aspects of the subject bill are noted as significant in their applicability to this Agency:

a. The coverage of personnel not engaged in overt duties may involve problems of security in Agency compliance with the bill.

b. The bill does not apply to non-citizens and officers and employees of the United States whose permanent duty stations are located outside the continental U.S., its Territories or possessions, (see Section 6 of the bill). In this regard, there are a substantial number of CIA owned vehicles being operated overseas by Agency employees in the performance of their assigned duties.

3. In view of the foregoing, you may wish to refer the bill to the Office of Security for its reaction to the potential security problems inherent in H.R. 9911.

4. Any further information concerning the legislative progress of this bill would be appreciated.

Signed

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